

Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart Urges Renomination Of Senator Barkley

Senator Alben W. Barkley should be returned to the United States Senate "as a rebuke to those who have waged such a vicious campaign against him," declared Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, founder of the Moonlight schools for adult education in the mountains of Kentucky, in an address yesterday afternoon in the ballroom of the Lafayette hotel.

Mrs. Stewart, a pioneer in the field of adult education, spoke at a meeting of women supporters of Senator Barkley from Fayette and surrounding counties sponsored by the Fayette women's organization. Mrs. Preston Johnston, chairman of the women's division of the Barkley campaign organization, presided and introduced the speaker.

"In the first place," declared Mrs. Stewart, speaking of Senator Barkley, "it was wicked and shameful to give him opposition and to divide the Democratic ranks at this time instead of lining up solidly behind

him and the President. It was most ungrateful and unjust after he had borne the heat and burden of the day, after the strain and stress of his gigantic work in Congress."

"Republicans, high and low, are for Senator Barkley's opponent," the speaker continued. "Their national and state leaders are working with might and main against the senator. Talk about outsiders! Here is where the outsiders really are taking part in this campaign.

"When our Republican friends get into a Democratic primary and take such an active part, you may be sure that it means just one thing. It is to get a strong man—shall I say an 'Iron Man'—out of their way, and to get a weak one in his place who will not block them in their efforts to destroy our country's leader and tear down his program."

Mrs. Stewart declared that the nation needs a man like Senator Bark-

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Mrs. Stewart Praises Barkley

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ley in the Senate as its leader. "It needs a man of his stature, ability and experience at this crucial time in national and world history, a time that requires experienced and trained statesmen," she added. "He has a place that can be filled by no other—a position of leadership

and a responsibility which he is able to discharge."

She pointed out that Senator Barkley is in line for the presidency in 1940, and that many other states would delight in calling him their native son. "But he is Kentucky's own," she continued, "and it is the privilege of our state to start him toward this great honor. Let us not have him halted in this great march to the heights."

Continuing her appeal for the return of Kentucky's senior senator to the Senate, Mrs. Stewart said: "The President of the United States has asked Kentucky to make this contribution and to aid him in carrying out his program by sending his chief aid and co-worker back there to continue their work together. If we wish to preserve the good that his administration has brought and to help to complete and round out the New Deal program, we cannot deny that request."

"Senator Barkley has brought Kentucky to rank first in one place—in the most august legislative body in the world, the United States Senate," she declared. "We have in past years bewailed our low rank as a state in some other things. Here is a place where no state takes a position above us. Let us hold that high rank. Why should we sacrifice first place and go down to the bottom to 96th, or even half way down to 49th?"

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